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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: 05/20/2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rochelle Mason, Professional Member, Vice President Sandra Bisgood, Public Member, Secretary Fran Franklin, Professional Member Yen-Anh Gibson, Public Member Kyla Teed, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member, **President** Philip Thompson, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Allison, Office of Management and Budget
Jennifer Biddle, Office of Management and Budget
Amy Bonner, Office of Management and Budget
Zaira Davis, NASW
Mark Farley, DSCYF
Helen Fenerty-Lange
Kerry Ferriter, Public Defenders Office
Dolores Finger-Wright, Delaware State University
Amber Hall, Office of Management and Budget
Melinda O'Bier
Wanda Pfieffer, Office of Management and Budget
Vicki Root, Salisbury University
Dr. Marlene Saunders, Delaware State University
John Shuford, NASW

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the March 18, 2013, minutes for approval. Ms. Bisgood moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Request for Inactive Status – Joanne Williams

The Board reviewed Joanne Williams' request for inactive status. Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve Ms. Williams' request for inactive status. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request to Withdrawal Application - Jack Powell

The Board reviewed Jack Powell's request to withdrawal his application for licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to approve Mr. Powell's request. Motion unanimously carried.

Status of Complaints

The Board was advised of the following items as noted below.

Case 31-01-12 – Referred to the Attorney General's Office

Case 31-03-13 – Referred to the Attorney General's Office

Case 31-04-13 – Referred to the Attorney General's Office

Ratification of Application to Sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam – Amy Hayes

Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Mason to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Amy Hayes. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application to Sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam (Full Board Review Needed) – Sarah Halladay

Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Mason to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Sarah Halladay, contingent upon receipt of clarification regarding her experience hours. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for Sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam (Full Board Review Needed) – Joan Bourne

Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Mason to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Joan Bourne. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for Sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam (Full Board Review Needed) – Tara Sheldon

Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Tara Sheldon. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request to Return to Active Status – Maria Bobes

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The Board reviewed Maria Bobes' request to return to active status as well as her continuing education documentation. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve Maria Bobes to return to active status. Motion unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the ASWB Re: 2012 Examination Pass Rates

The Board reviewed the 2012 examination pass rates submitted by the ASWB. Although there is an improvement from the previous years' results, the Board voiced their concerns. The Board requested that they be provided with the last 5-10 years of examination pass rates. Ms. Williams will provide the information to the Board during their next regularly scheduled meeting.

<u>Correspondence from the Pennsylvania Society of Clinical Social Work Re: Continuing</u> Education

The Board reviewed the correspondence submitted by the Pennsylvania Society of Clinical Social Work regarding approval of continuing education. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to send correspondence advising the Society that it is not the Board's practice to confirm that continuing education credits would be approved. According to Rule 7.2.3, the Board will not "pre-approve" courses or activities for continuing education credit, except as provided in Rule 7.2.6 with respect to self-directed activities. The correspondence should also reflect Rule 7.2.5 in regards to acceptable continuing education. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity (Full Board Review Needed) – Michael Guerriere

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to propose to deny the application for licensure by reciprocity for Michael Guerriere. Mr. Guerriere does not meet the qualifications set forth in 24 *Delaware Code* § 3909. Mr. Guerriere has not submitted proof that he has taken and passed the ASWB Clinical Examination. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity (Full Board Review Needed) – Helen Fenerty-Lange

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the application for licensure by reciprocity for Helen Fenerty-Lange contingent upon receipt of the Delaware Supervisory Reference form. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

This item was tabled.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Dr. Franklin and Ms. Williams provided a brief report from the 2013 ASWB Annual Education Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Dr. Saunders thanked the Board for the manner in which they conducted the proposal to deny hearing for Teresa Sharp.

Ms. Fenerty-Lange inquired as to if her application for licensure would be reviewed during the May 20, 2013 meeting since it was approved contingent. Ms. Fenerty-Lange was advised that her license will be issued once the Board office receives and reviews the Board approved supervision form.

Mr. Shuford addressed the Board and encouraged the Board to look at reciprocity. He believes that by requiring applicants to use Delaware forms, this is false advertising and dishonest since it is not truly reciprocity. Ms. Davis-Oliva informed Mr. Shuford that the statute requires that applicants must meet all requirements. Ms. Williams advised Mr. Shuford that the reciprocity issue was discussed during the ASWB Administrator's Forum. Since states have different requirements, it is imperative that the applicant shows that they meet the requirements for the state they are seeking licensure.

Mr. Shuford also suggested that the Board consider an applicant's work experience and not just the required experience hours. Ms. Mason advised Mr. Shuford that the Board does consider an applicant's work experience, but they also need to meet the statutory requirements.

Ms. Root addressed the Board thanking them for their dedication and affirming the Board's proposed changes in regards to multi-level licensure.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jessica M. Williams, Administrative Specialist II

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